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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of	:
Vincenzo D'Acchioli et al.	: Confirmation No. 8836
Serial No. 09/720,180	: Group Art Unit 3761
Filed December 20, 2000	: Examiner Catharine L. Anderson
For Adhesive Urine Collector	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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(Twice Amended) Urine management device comprising a flexible bag having an inner lining, said inner lining having an inner surface and an outer surface opposed thereto, said bag having an aperture and a flange surrounding said aperture, said flange having a wearer facing portion and a garment facing portion, wherein said wearer facing portion comprises a layer of adhesive for releasable attachment to the uro-genital area of a wearer, said device being characterized in that said flange is provided with at least one non-adhesive lobe, said flexible bag containing absorbent material disposed on and joined to said inner surface of said inner lining.

Please cancel Claims 7-9.

Please add new Claims 10-12.

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10. A urine management device according to claim 1, wherein said absorbent material comprises comminuted wood pulp.